


Councilmember Phil Mendelson

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To establish, on an emergency basis, a Flag Design Advisory Commission to advise the Council as to the proper placement and design of the language "DC" and "No Taxation Without Representation" on the flag.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Flag Design Advisory Commission Emergency Act of 2002".

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Sec. 2. Advisory Commission Established

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(a) There is established a Flag Design Advisory Commission ("Commission") with the purpose of preparing a recommendation for the placement and design of the language "DC" and "No Taxation Without Representation" on the District of Columbia flag.

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(b) The Commission shall be composed of seven members: (1) the Mayor, or his designee; (2) the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, or her designee; (3) the Chairman of the Council's Subcommittee on Labor, Voting Rights and Redistricting or his designee; (4) two persons appointed by the Mayor, and two persons appointed by the Chairman of the Council. The Chairman of the Council shall designate the Commission Chairman. All

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appointments shall be made within 30 days of the effective date of this act. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment was made.

(c) The Commission shall submit its recommendation in the form of a report to the Council no later than four months after the effective date of this act. The Commission shall approve its recommendation by a majority vote.

(d) Costs of the Commission and its members shall be borne by the members or paid through private contributions. The Commission is authorized to receive private sector contributions. The Commission is authorized to use space and supplies owned or rented by the District government. The Commission is further authorized to use staff loaned from the Council or detailed from the Mayor for such purposes consistent with this act as the Commission may determine.

(e) The Commission shall have the authority to create and operate under its own rules of procedure.

(f) The books and records of the Commission shall be public documents.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

This act will have little or no fiscal impact because expenses of the Commission will be borne by its members or paid by private donations.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto) and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts by the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a))